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LETTER TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Office's statement in the Office Action dated March 2, 2006 that EPO priority was not granted because the certified EPO Patent Application was not received by the USPTO, applicants submit herewith a certified copy of the EPO priority document, EPO Patent Application Number 02078228.0. Accordingly, applicants request priority to the August 2, 2002 filing date of the EPO Patent Application.

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